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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express opposition to any attempt by the FDA to eliminate labeling of irradiated foods. As a physician specializing in Nutritional & Environmental Medicine I am knowledgeable about the potential effects of radiation. There is disagreement within the scientific community about the possible effects on nutrition and health as a result of irradiation of food. In this country we place a high value on diversity--including 'differences of opinion'. In keeping with our best traditions, we must allow each American the freedom to choose their food products (including ingredients and type of processing). The only way one can have such a choice is by having food properly labeled so that the public is adequately informed prior to making purchasing decisions. These choices must be made by each individual consumer. To withhold important ingredient or processing information about foods is contrary to one of the basic principals that makes our country so great--i.e. our open and well informed society with freedom of speech, freedom of ideas and freedom of choice. Therefore, I strongly urge you to increase, not decrease, the information on food labels. The irradiation information should be more prominent--not less.

Sincerely,

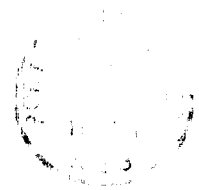


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